

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 6-8, 10, 11, 16-18 and 20, and add claims 21-24, in accordance with the following listing showing the status of all claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for use in delivering programming content, said method comprising:

(a) dividing the programming content into smaller chunks of data, wherein said programming content comprises at least one of (i) a software program or (ii) content for playing on an electronic device;

(b) creating a chunk file for each chunk of data, said chunk file including said chunk of data ~~and a message digest for verifying integrity of said chunk of data;~~

(c) generating a manifest file that includes information describing how ~~to assemble~~ at least one of execute or play the chunks of data; and

(d) transmitting the chunk files created in step (b) and the manifest file generated in step (c) to a remote location,

wherein at least some of the chunk files are transmitted on at least one physical storage medium.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the chunk files are distributed across a set of said physical media, and wherein each of said physical media in the set contains the manifest file.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the files transmitted in step (d) is transmitted electronically and at least one of the files is transmitted on a physical storage medium.

7. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for use in delivering programming content, said method comprising:~~

~~(a) dividing the programming content into smaller chunks of data;~~

~~(b) creating a chunk file for each chunk of data, said chunk file including said chunk of data and a message digest for verifying integrity of said chunk of data; and~~

~~(c) generating a manifest file that includes information describing how to assemble the chunks of data,~~

according to claim 1, wherein the manifest file includes a block message digest for verifying integrity of the programming content.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for use in delivering programming content, ~~said method comprising:~~

- ~~—— (a) — dividing the programming content into smaller chunks of data;~~
- ~~—— (b) — creating a chunk file for each chunk of data, said chunk file including said chunk of data and a message digest for verifying integrity of said chunk of data; and~~
- ~~—— (c) — generating a manifest file that includes information describing how to assemble the chunks of data, according to claim 1, wherein the manifest file includes, for each chunk of data, a message digest for verifying the integrity of said each chunk of data.~~

9. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the manifest file identifies each chunk of data in the programming content.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for use in delivering programming content, said method comprising:

- (a) dividing the programming content into smaller chunks of data, wherein said programming content comprises at least one of (i) a software program or (ii) content for playing on an electronic device;

(b) creating a chunk file for each chunk of data, said chunk file including said chunk of data ~~and a message digest for verifying integrity of said chunk of data~~; and

(c) generating a manifest file that includes information describing how to assemble at least one of execute or play the chunks of data,

wherein the manifest file includes plural sets of information, each set of information describing how to assemble execute or play the chunks of data in a different predetermined manner.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for use in receiving programming content, said method comprising:

(a) receiving plural chunk files and a manifest file, the chunk files including chunks of data that together make up programming content, the programming content, ~~each chunk file also including a message digest for verifying integrity of the chunk of data within the chunk file~~ comprising at least one of (i) a software program or (ii) content for playing on an electronic device, and the manifest file including information describing how to assemble at least one of execute or play the chunks of data;

(b) storing the chunks of data; and

(c) ~~assembling and~~ at least one of executing or playing the chunks of data according to the information in the manifest file,

wherein at least some of the chunk files are received on at least one physical storage medium.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 11, wherein in step (b) the chunks of data are stored such that each chunk remains separately identifiable.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11, wherein the chunk files are distributed across a set of said physical media, and wherein each of said physical media in the set contains the manifest file.

16. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 11, wherein at least one of the files received in step (a) is received electronically and at least one of the files is received on a physical storage medium.

17. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for use in receiving programming content, said method comprising:~~

~~(a) — receiving plural chunk files and a manifest file, the chunk files including chunks of data that together make up the programming content, each chunk file also including a message digest for verifying integrity of the chunk of data within the chunk file, and the manifest file including information describing how to assemble the chunks of data;~~

~~— (b) — storing the chunks of data; and~~

~~— (c) — assembling and playing the chunks of data according to the information in the manifest file,~~

according to claim 11, wherein the manifest file includes a block message digest for verifying integrity of the programming content.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for use in receiving programming content, said method comprising:

~~— (a) — receiving plural chunk files and a manifest file, the chunk files including chunks of data that together make up the programming content, each chunk file also including a message digest for verifying integrity of the chunk of data within the chunk file, and the manifest file including information describing how to assemble the chunks of data;~~

~~— (b) — storing the chunks of data; and — (c) — assembling and playing the chunks of data according to the information in the manifest file, claim 11, wherein~~

the manifest file includes, for each chunk of data, a message digest for verifying the integrity of said each chunk of data.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 11, wherein the manifest file identifies each chunk of data in the programming content.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for use in receiving programming content, said method comprising:

(a) receiving plural chunk files and a manifest file, the chunk files including chunks of data that together make up programming content, the programming content, ~~each chunk file also including a message digest for verifying integrity of the chunk of data within the chunk file~~ comprising at least one of (i) a software program or (ii) content for playing on an electronic device, and the manifest file including information describing how to assemble at least one of execute or play the chunks of data;

(b) storing the chunks of data; and

(c) ~~assembling and~~ at least one of executing or playing the chunks of data according to the information in the manifest file,

wherein the manifest file includes plural sets of information, each set of information describing how to assemble execute or play the chunks of data in a different predetermined manner.

21. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the chunk file for each chunk of data also includes a message digest for verifying integrity of said chunk of data.

22. (New) A method according to claim 10, wherein the chunk file for each chunk of data also includes a message digest for verifying integrity of said chunk of data.

23. (New) A method according to claim 11, wherein each chunk file also includes a message digest for verifying integrity of the chunk of data within the chunk file.

24. (New) A method according to claim 20, wherein each chunk file also includes a message digest for verifying integrity of the chunk of data within the chunk file.